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1. In order not to appear too anxious and to give the impression that AB-43's contact with ARADI was merely of a personal nature, the appointment on 27 July 1946 was not kept. Two days later, 29 July, AB-43 sent a note to JURKO through Dr. VOIEVIDKA, saying: "Dr. NOVAK left me a note saying that you would like to see me. I did not keep my appointment with you on 27 July 1946 as Mr. NOVAK's note asked me to, because you are not in the habit of keeping your appointments. If there is anything, however, that may be of interest to me which ~~was~~ you would like to discuss with me, you can reach me at Hotel Excelsior today at 3:00 p.m. (29 July 1946); signed William HELLEG."

2. At 3:00 p.m. punctually, JURKO was at the Excelsior Hotel, which is the Army Transient Hotel in Munich. He was full of excuses for his inability to keep the other two appointments. The conversation, which lasted for about three quarters of an hour, ran as follows:

AB-43: I understand that you had some business to discuss with me. What is it?

JURKO: I imagine you know the details on our arrangements with Mr. NOVAK.....

AB-43: All I know about Mr. NOVAK is a lot, but what his business is with you is not my interest. I make it a point not to butt into someone else's affairs.....

JURKO: OK. We have certain connections with Mr. NOVAK. The arrangement between us does not cover some of our problems, and it was suggested by Mr. NOVAK that you might have some interest in such problems. If we only knew what your work is..... we could possibly arrange to work together.....

AB-43: I don't think it's fair of ~~you~~ to ask me what I do when I am considerate enough not to pry into your affairs or activity. However, one of us has to break the ice, and it might as well be me, though this appointment was made by you and you should be the one to state your business; because I do not have any business with you..... Well, I am interested in security problems of

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all sorts. For example, I am interested in such organizations as ABN ((run by the UHVR people)) and in the various illegal DP organizations, because they are illegal. I would be, therefore, very much interested if you have anything to say about, let's say, the Natzmaitchiki, the Mladorossi, the ABN, the illegal and underground UHVR....

JURKO: But we are not an underground organizaion....

AB-43: Now then, maybe we are finally coming to your problem. You are an illegal organization even if you say that you are not underground, by which, I imagine, you mean that you are not subversive.

JURKO: As you said, we are an illegal, but not a subversive organization. I represent now the UHVR. I am in charge of security (bezpiecznoic in Polish, bezopasnost in Russian) for the UHVR. We have common enemies: the Soviet intelligence.

AB-43: I don't think that you can speak in our name and call the Russians our enemies. I don't want to be petty, but I'd rather you used proper terms. The Soviets are not our enemies. Only if they do any illegal work in our zone do they become of interest to me. I am neither a politician nor a propagandist; the Soviets have done me no wrong. Only if they encroach on our rights here do I consider it necessary to take some action against them.

JURKO: But this is the very object of my coming to see you. They do encroach on your rights. They do illegal and subversive work right under your nose. I have proofs of that. Does this interest you.

AB-43: Of course, very much. But I am wary of just plain suspicions and unproved accusations. If you are in charge of security for the UHVR and if you are good at your job, then you must have proofs of your statements. If you are prepared to deal in facts -- names, dates, addresses -- then and only then, we do have a common interest.

JURKO: We have information on what we believe is the central Soviet headquarters for Bavaria. We have facts -- we played with these people until we got them. We believe we know as much about their activity as we can possibly get without a direct action involving arrest and interrogation of members of this group. Our desire to have these people arrested has two motivations:

- a. To ~~ascertain~~ check and expand our knowledge of the activity and methods of operation of this group. This interests us because this group works against us here and will work against us elsewhere if liquidated here.

b. To liquidate this group, because our playing with it is tying up too many of our own people. And we dare not pull them out because this would indicate to them that we are up to their game, and we like them to believe that they actually had penetrated us. If you and we cooperated in the liquidation of this group, I believe we would mutually benefit: we could breathe easier and you would gain knowledge. Are you still interested?

AB-43: Sounds very interesting. However, I have listened to so many interesting plans and promises that I no longer become excited. I want to see it proved first.

JURKO: We're prepared to prove all we claim. Before we do it, however, we want to be assured of a certain amount of assistance from you. We have hoped that through this information which we are prepared to give you, you may recognize our value in intelligence matters and will give some help in collection of just such material as we give you, already prepared in some semblance of complete form. Is this asking too much?

AB-43: Everything depends on the value of your information to me, and on your reliability and dependability.

JURKO: Since we claim no special favors or assistance and since we are sure to prove to you our usefulness, we are prepared to go along with you. Let us plan a meeting in my room, Schellingstrasse 26/IV, on 6 August 1946, at 4 p.m. I will bring then our expert on these affairs, and you can then see what we have to offer.